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POLICY NAME: EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE
POLICY NO: A.16

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Cross References:
 TCDSB School Emergency Response Plan, Third Edition
 Province of Ontario Emergency Response Plan, 2019
 The City of Toronto Emergency Plan, December, 2021
 Provincial Nuclear Emergency Response Plan, January, 2019
 TCDSB’s Inclement Weather Protocol
 Education Act R.S.O. 1990, c.E.2
 R.R.O. 1990, Reg, 298: Operation of Schools – General
 Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O 1990, c. E. 9
 O.Reg 205/20: Education Sector

Appendix

Purpose:

This policy affirms and provides information regarding the To provide requirements regarding the closing of schools buildings as the result of an emergency.

Scope and Responsibility:

This policy applies to all TCDSB facilities. The Director of Education is responsible for this policy.

Alignment with MYSP:

Living Our Catholic values

Strengthening Enhancing Public Confidence

Fostering Student Achievement and Well-Being



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Inspiring and Motivating Employees

Achieving Excellence in Governance

Policy:

A ~~S~~chool or schools **buildings** may be closed for a temporary period in case of an emergency arising out of inclement weather, fire, flood, public health concerns, breakdown of heating plant, the failure of an essential utility or a similar emergency, when the health, welfare or safety of the school community is in jeopardy or compromised.

This procedure will apply only after all efforts have ~~failed~~ **been exhausted** to keep the school or schools open or **and** to provide alternate accommodation or programs for ~~the~~ **a** temporary period.

Regulations:

1. One school may be temporarily closed upon the authority of the Director of Education, when the emergency affects that school.
2. Where the emergency affects more than one school, the schools may be temporarily closed ~~upon~~ **with** the authority of the Director of Education.
3. If the Director of Education makes the decision to close schools as a result of inclement weather and the decision is made in the morning before the school day begins, the Communications Department will ~~inform the media and TCDSB community.~~ **notify the TCDSB community using various communication channels including school messenger, web, and social media.**



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4. The Area Superintendent or designate will notify the local Trustee of the school closure.

Evaluation and Metrics:

The effectiveness of the policy will be determined by measuring the

following: ~~Trustees will be notified of all school closures.~~

Trustees and the Director shall review the effectiveness of this policy every 5 years to ensure new information provided by regulatory bodies are updated.